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SUBJ: CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE OF IGLESIAS AND  
ALMEYDA

1. ENRIQUE IGLESIAS, DIRECTOR OF ECLA, AND DAVID POLLOCK (CANADIAN CITIZEN), DIRECTOR OF ECLA'S WASHINGTON OFFICE, VISITED MISOFF ON JANUARY 27 SPECIFICALLY TO EXPRESS THEIR "DEEP CONCERN" OVER THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ECLA, THE UN IN GENERAL, AND THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION THAT THEY SAID HAD JUST BEEN LAUNCHED BY THE PRESS IN CHILE. THEY SAID IT WAS EVIDENTLY A PART OF THE GOC'S STRATEGY TO LINK THE CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WITH THE UN AND VICE VERSA, AND BOTH WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION CLAIMING THEIR ACTIVITIES WERE ALL PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY TO "DESTABLIZE THE UNITY IN CHILE." IGLESIAS INSISTED THAT THE CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WORKING WITH HIM DIRECTLY IN ECLA, OR ON ECLA OR IAF PROJECTS, (HE MENTIONED FIVE BY NAME), ARE ALL "VERY WELL QUALIFIED," AND THAT THEIR POSITIONS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR POLITICAL ALLIANCE. HE URGED THE USG TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO PERSUADE THE GOC TO DESIST.

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2. CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER ALLENDE, ALSO VISITED WITH MISOFF ON JANUARY 27, SEPARATELY, ON HIS WAY FROM MEXICO TO EAST BERLIN, WHERE HE LIVES IN EXILE. HE CHARACTERIZED THE RECENT REFERENDUM AS A "MASSIVE SCENE OF SUBTLE BUT STRONG INTIMIDATION, IN WHICH THE OLD HIERARCHICAL SOCIAL SYSTEM WAS EMPLOYED

VERY CONSCIOUSLY AND VERY EFFECTIVELY." HE CHARACTERIZED THIS SYSTEM AS "PATERNALISTIC AND WITH STRONG OVERTONES OF FASCISM." HE CLAIMED THAT "PINOCHET HAS MANY ADVISORS WHO BELIEVE IN THIS SORT OF SOCIAL STRUCTURE." HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT US CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHILE RESOLUTION IN UN FORA WAS HELPING TO ISOLATE THE GOC FROM THE REST OF THW WORLD AND FINALLY, FROM ITS PEOPLE.

3. SEPARATELY, BOTH IGLESIAS AND ALMEYDA EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE REFERENDUM WAS THE BEGINNING OF A POLITICAL PROCESS OF THE PROGRESSIVE UNION OF THE CIVILIAN OPPOSITION, THE BEGINNING OF THE RECONQUEST OF PUBLIC POLITICAL SPACE BY THE OPPOSITION IN THE SENSE THAT THE GOC WILL HAVE TO BEGIN SOON TO NEGOTIATE ON AT LEAST SOME MATTERS, AND THAT IW AS THE BEGINNING OF THE DIVISION OF THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES AND OF THE ARMY OVER THE QUESTION OF HOW TO GOVERN, AND WHETHER AND HOW LONG TO STAY IN POWER.

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